(c) whether Government are considering to restart the plant, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Gorakhpur Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI) is lying shutdown w.e.f. 10.06.1990 and activities such as preservation, safety and related activities are being continued. The employees are being paid salaries regularly.

(b) The details of amount being paid as salary etc. to the employees of Gorakhpur Unit during the last three years is as under:—

Year	Rs. in crore
1998-1999	15.7
1999-2000	16.9
2000-2001	16.4

(c) and (d) Government is examining a proposal for revival etc. of the different units of FCI including the Gorakhpur Unit. In the meanwhile on November 2, 2001, BIFR recommended winding up of FCI under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. However, the FCI has on November 19, 2001 filed an appeal against the order of BIFR before the Appelate Authority.

Prices of Rifampicin

631. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by keeping Rifampicin and its intermediates in the negative list, the consumer is made to pay high prices;

(b) whether it is a fact that price of Rifampicin and its

intermediates was concocted/tailored by the BICP and his Ministry and poor TB patients have been looted;

(c) what is the import price and indigenous price of Rifa-s and Rifa-sv and what is the actual ratio of imports, from the date price was fixed; and

(d) how many producers have violated this ratio and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Availability of Rifampicin from the indigenous manufacturers is adequate to meet the domestic requirement and its price is fixed/revised under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995, based on cost-cum-techno economic study.

(c) and (d) For domestic requirement of Rifampicin, imports of intermediates, namely, Rifa-s and Rifa-sv, are not being permitted at present.

Fertilizers under Government control

632. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the fertilizers which are under the price distribution and movement control of the Central Government;

(b) what is the Maximum Retail Price (MRP);

(c) which are decontrolled fertilizers and chemicals with their MRP; and

(d) which of the fertilizers are subsidised; with percentage of subsidy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Urea is the only fertilizer which is at present statutorily covered under price, distribution and movement control. Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of urea statutorily notified at